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ROUNDUP -- JULY 17-18 -- WORLD NEWS

WITH INTENSIVE COVERAGE OF WATERGATE CONTINUING THERE HAS BEEN A MINIMUM OF FOREIGN NEWS ON RADIO AND TV DURING PAST TWENTY FOUR HOURS. THERE WERE FREQUENT ACCOUNTS ON THE PRESIDENT'S HEALTH AND PHASE IV CONTROLS. THE ECONOMIC TRADE TALKS IN JAPAN AND THE COUP IN AFGHANISTAN WERE THE PRINCIPAL FOREIGN AFFAIRS TOPICS REPORTED. INCLUDED IN THIS ROUNDUP ARE TWO REPORTS BY DUNNING FROM CBS TOKYO ON THE JOINT ECONOMIC/TRADE TALKS, ONE BY DAVID MACELHERY IN SEOUL AND ONE BY MARVIN KALB ON THE RECORDING OF DIPLOMATIC CONVERSATIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT.

YESTERDAY AFTERNOON BERNARD REDMONT OF GROUP W NEWS REPORT-ED FROM PARIS ON THE SENSATION CAUSED IN FRANCE BY THE UNCLASSIFIED

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REVELATION THAT PHONE CONVERSATIONS HAVE BEEN RECORDED AT THE WHITE HOUSE. HE SAID THAT "A COMMENTATOR ON A FRENCH RADIO STATION SAYS THE NEW REVELATION COULD WELL BE THE FINAL BLOW TO MR. NIXON'S DETERIORATING POSITION."
JOE CAMELIC, GROUP W NEWS BERUIT, DISCUSSED THE COUP IN

AFGHANISTAN SAYING THAT DAUD WAS PROMISING A REAL DEMOCRACY FOR HIS COUNTRY. HIS REPORT WAS BASED ON AN ALL INDIA RADIO BROADCAST. THE COUP WAS ALSO REPORTED ON BY GARRICK UTLEY AND HARRY K. SMITH ON ABC-TV, JULY 17, AND BY ROGER MUDD ON CBS-TV. UTLEY ALSO REPORTED THAT JORDAN HAD BROKEN OFF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH TUNISIA. ON CBS-TV TUESDAY EVENING, DUNNING REPORTED FROM TOKYO THAT "ALTHOUGH JAPAN RANKS SECOND AMONG THE WORLD ECONOMIES, THE JAPANESE PEOPLE ARE FAR FROM HAPPY IN THEIR UNPRECEDENTED PROSPERITY. A GOVERNMENT SURVEY SHOWED THAT NEARLY HALF OF THOSE INTERVIEWED BELIEVE LIFE IS BECOMING MORE DIFFICULT AND UNPLEASANT..." THE MAJOR PROBLEMS ACCORDING TO DUNNING ARE POLLUTION AND INFLATION AND HE SAID "THAT THE LEFTISTS ARE GROWING IN POLITICAL STRENGTH AND RESPECTABILITY, ANOTHER SIGN OF DISILLUSIONMENT WITH INDUSTRIAL GROWTH PROMOTED FOR YEARS BY THE CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT". HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THERE WAS A SWING AWAY FROM GROWTH FOR GROWTH'S SAKE AND TOWARDS IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND THAT THE COST OF DOING THIS MAY BE A MAJOR FACTOR IN SLOWING DOWN THE JAPANESE ECONOMIC JUGGERNAUT THAT HAS THE REST OF THE WORLD SO CONCERNED. ROGER MUDD ON THE SAME SHOW REPORTED THAT THE SECRETARY HAD ENDED HIS TWO DAYS OF TALKS WITH THE JAPANESE WITH AN AGREEMENT THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL WORK TOGETHER IN DEALING WITH THE ENERGY CRISIS.

ON THIS MORNING'S NBC-TODAY SHOW BERNARD KALB INTERVIEWED SENATOR ROBERT GRIFFIN WHO SAID THAT IN HIS RECENT CONVERSATION WITH CHOU EN LAI, CHOU MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE WOULD NOT VISIT THE US AS LONG AS THERE WAS A ROC EMBASSY HERE. DAVID BRINKLY ON NBC REPORTED THAT A BANK ROBBER IN MUNICH DEMANDED MARKS, NOT DOLLARS. ON CBS MORNING NEWS JOHN HART REPORTED "THAT SECRETARY OF STATE ROGERS IS IN SOUTH KOREA SAYING PRESIDENT PARK IS DOING THE RIGHT THING BY TRYING TO GET ALONG BETTER WITH NORTH KOREA. THEY WILL BE TALKING ABOUT THAT AND OTHER THINGS FOR THE NEXT COUPLE UNCLASSIFIED

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OF DAYS."

THE SECRETARY IN SEOUL

DAVID MACELHERY -- CBS-RADIO - SEOUL -- WHEN SECRETARY OF STATE WILLIAM ROGERS ARRIVED IN SEOUL TODAY IT WAS A LITTLE MORE THAN THREE WEEKS AFTER SOUTH KOREAN PRESIDENT PARK ANNOUNCED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT BE OPPOSED TO NORTH KOREAN PARTICIPATION IN THE UN ALONG WITH SOUTH KOREA, OF COURSE, AS LONG AS THE NORTH KOREAN PARTICIPATION DID NOT STAND IN THE WAY OF EVENTUAL KOREAN REUNIFICATION. TODAY SECRETARY ROGERS PRAISED THAT PARK STAND

BUT NORTH KOREA HAS ALSO PROPOSED THAT THE SOUTH JOIN IT

IN THE UN IN A SORT OF CONFEDERATION. SOUTH KOREA'S PROPOSAL HAS NOT GONE THAT FAR AND IT WILL BE UP TO SECRETARY ROGERS AND KOREAN OFFICIALS HERE IN SEOUL TO DECIDE JUST HOW FAR SOUTH KOREA SHOULD GO AND WITH WHAT SORT OF AMERICAN BACKING IT SHOULD HAVE IN MEETING THE PROPOSALS OF THE OTHER SIDE.

TRADE TALKS -- JAPAN

BRUCE DUNNING -- CBS-RADIO - TOKYO PM- THE US DELEGATION TO THE JOINT ECONOMIC TALKS CAME OUT OF THE TWO DAY SESSION CONVINCED THAT A BETTER RELATIONSHIP WITH JAPAN HAD BEEN WORKED OUT. WHILE NO MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT EMERGED FROM THE SESSION AND NONE HAS BEEN EXPECTED, AMERICAN SOURCES SAY THIS WAS ONE OF THE MOST FRUITFUL MEETINGS WITH JAPANESE LEADERS, IF NO OTHER REASON THAN THAT THE TWO NATIONS MANAGED TO NARROW SOME DIFFERENCES OF OPINION ON A VARIETY OF MATTERS, INCLUDING DEALINGS WITH OIL PRODUCING NATIONS AND US AGRICULTURAL TRADE POLICY. THE JAPANESE SIDE SEEMED SATISFIED THAT THE US MEANS TO KEEP AGRICULTURAL RESTRICTIONS STRICTLY ON A TEMPORARY AND LIMITED BASIS. JAPAN'S FM OHIRA SAID HIS GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN SORRY THAT SECRETARY SCHULTZ AND SECRETARY BUTZ HAD BEEN ABSENT BUT HE SAID HIS GOVERNMENT WAS SATISFIED WITH THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DEPUTIES WHOM HE CALLED POWERFUL PERSONALITIES.

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OUR NORMAL DIPLOMATIC PRACTICE, THE SPOKESMAN SAID IS TO

HAVE A NOTE TAKER PRESENT WHO WRITES UP A MEMORANDUM AFTER A PRIVATE MEETING AND FILES IT. IF ON SOME RARE OCCASION A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION IS MONITORED THEN THE PERSON AT THE OTHER END IS NOTIFIED IN ADVANCE. ALL OF THIS MAY OR MAY NOT BE TRUE BUT IT WAS CLEAR FROM THIS CONFESSION OF INNOCENCE THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT WANTS TO PUT SOME CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE BETWEEN ITSELF AND THE WHITE HOUSE PRACTICE OF TAPING JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING. THE REASON OBVIOUSLY IS TO EASE THE DISMAY AND SHOCK OF MANY DIPLOMATS WHO NOW KNOW THAT THE TALKS THEY HAD AT THE WHITE HOUSE, ASSUMING ABSOLUTE CONFIDENTIALITY, WERE UNCLASSIFIED

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REALLY TAPPED AND TAPED AND COULD COME BACK TO HAUNT THEM IF THESE TAPES ARE MADE PUBLIC. THUS FOR DIFFERENT REASONS AND WITH LITTLE ENTHUSIASM EMBASSY ROW SEEMS TO SUPPORT THE WHITE HOUSE DECISION NOT TO RELEASE THE TAPES.

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